

**Thomas Jefferson to William Short, January 3, 1792,  
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**TO WILLIAM SHORT<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> All in cipher. From the *Southern Bivouac*, II, 433.

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*You are nominated to the Senate, Minister Resident to the Hague; Thomas Pinckney, Minister Plenipotentiary to London. Gouverneur Morris, Minister Plenipotentiary to France. A party in the Senate against Morris has joined with another party which is against all permanent foreign establishments, and neither being strong enough to carry their point separately, they have been now twelve days in suspense, looking for the result as to what compromise they will form together. Whatever you may hear otherwise, be assured that no mortal, not even their own body, can at this moment guess the result. You shall know it by the first vessel after it is known to me.*